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ENIGMA

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EPISODE 54:
ISLAND

TRANSLATION: KEWL0210 - TYPESETTING: NICOB
CLEANING: [CROSS]

NEW POLICY:
PLEASE DO NOT REHOST
THIS MANGA ANYWHERE.
SITES ALLOWED: BATOTO

I'M PUTTING OUT AN ORDER FOR ASSIS-TANCE!
IF YOU FEEL YOU'RE QUALIFIED AND YOU WANT TO HELP OUT
CXC SCANS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING TO FILL STAFF POSITIONS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR OUTPUT OF MANGA
THEN APPLY TODAY!

CXC SCANS IS LOOKING FOR STAFF!

THERE ARE CURRENTLY POSITIONS OPEN
FOR THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

J>E TRANSLATING
TYPESETTING

IF YOU'RE CONFIDENT IN THE POSITION
AND DEDICATED TO WORK, THEN WE'LL
GLADLY WELCOME YOU ABOARD!
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FORUMS AT CXCSCANS.COM
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AT #CXC@IRCHIGHWAY.NET

YOU'RE KIRI'S OLD MAN!?

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IMI-ZUKA KIDOU?

KIRIO'S FATHER APPEARS...!!

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SHUT UP……

YEP. RIGHT, SONS?

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外環急行

YOU'LL HEAR THAT FROM THAT GUY UP AHEAD

WHY WERE YOU IN THAT GETUP---

THAT GUY...?

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THERE IS THE YET UNKNOWN ISLAND!!

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GAIKOTSU ISLAND~~ GAIKOTSU ISLAND~~

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YOU'RE ...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HUH?

SUMIO ...!

A...!

WH... WHY...?

SHIGERU !

SHIGERU ...!

IT'S ALL RIGHT. SHE'S JUST UNCON-SCIOUS

OLD MAN...!!

HAIBA!

GOOD JOB STAYING ALIVE, WAHA-HAH!

SUMIO ...

WHAT'S GOING ON, OLD MAN...!? WHY ARE YOU HERE!?

...!?

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS YOU'RE SAFE... THE FACT THAT YOU MADE IT HERE IS THANKS TO SENSEI, TOO

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IZUMI-SENSEI... SHIMEI ...!

LOOK, IT'S KOUDA! HE'S BACK

...LET ME START FROM THE BEGIN-NING

WE MET SEVERAL DECADES AGO IN YUUYAMI HIGH SCHOOL ....

YOU'RE FAULT ...!?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS RELATING TO THE SKULL IS ALL OUR FAULT...!

SORRY, SUMIO

KOUDA AND I WERE FELLOW NEW STUDENTS

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AND WE BOTH LIKES THE OCCULT AND MYSTERIOUS AND SCARY THINGS LIKE THAT. SO WE HIT IT OFF RIGHT AWAY

EH... YOU, TOO?

...OH? YOU'RE INTER-ESTED IN OCCULT STUDIES, TOO?

オカルト研究会

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GYAH!!

WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE?!

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IT'S PRETTY SUSPI-CIOUS... AND THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF LIFE..

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD WE TAKE A PEEK INSIDE..?

SER-VANTS ...!?

O... OKAY

OKAY, YOU'VE GOT PERMISSION! I REALLY WANTED SOME ASSISTANTS

ER, I MEAN MEMBERS OF MY CLUB?

WHAT? YOU WANT TO BE MY SERVANTS ..?

WHILE WE HELPED OUT SENSEI, WE DREAMED OF WORKING BY HIS SIDE TO DO RESEARCH

WE WERE IN THE CLUB BEFORE WE KNEW IT. IZUMI-SENSEI WAS THE ADVISOR TO THE OCCULT RESEARCH CLUB. HE WAS A PART TIME LECTURER AND IN HIS SPARE TIME, STUDIED FOLKLORE AT A COLLEGE

SENSEI... WHAT'RE WE DOING IN THIS OLD WARE-HOUSE!?

SO I, A FAMOUS RESEARCHER, CAN INVESTIGATE A CERTAIN OBJECT

THAT DREAM CAME TRUE IN A FORM WE NEVER EXPECTED

KIRI'S OLD MAN IS A TEACH-ER?

YEAH... JUST LIKE THIS ONE

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AND INSIDE A STRICTLY STORED OLD PAULOWNIA WOOD BOX, THERE IT WAS

THIS...?

ACCORDING TO A TESTAMENTARY LETTER, THE OWNER IS WAS CALLED ENIGMA. IT GRANTED WISHES, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IT ALSO SCAT-TERED CURSES

ITS ROOTS WERE UNIDENTIFIED. ANOTHER REPORT SUGGESTED IT MAY BE A MAGIC TOOL CREATED BY THE MYSTICS OF A CERTAIN ISLAND...

WELL, YEAH

KIRI'S OLD MAN BECAME ENIGMA ...!?

I WASN'T CON-VINCED AT FIRST, BUT OF COURSE I SOON BELIEVED

...!? SENSEI, YOUR HAND...

THAT WAS THE VIDEO RECORD WE SAW...!

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT WISH WAS MADE, WE BOARDED A MYSTERIOUS TRAIN, AND EVENTUALLY ARRIVED AT GAIKOTSU ISLAND

BUT OUR EFFORTS ENDED IN FAILURE

AT THE END OF SEVERAL YEARS OF INVESTIGATION, WE LEARNED THAT THE MANY PREVIOUS OWNERS HAD ALL LOST THEIR LIVES AND WE JUDGED THAT IT WAS UNCONTROLLABLE----

THIS THING IS DANGEROUS... WE HAVE TO DESTROY IT!

SHIGERU ...!

AND SHIGERU-CHAN WAS IN DANGER OF BEING A HUMAN SACRIFICE LIKE SHIMEI...

IT'S THANKS TO KOUDA YOU DIDN'T LOSE YOUR LIFE, TOO

...SO SEEING THAT MADE ME LOSE MY VOICE?

I'M MAD

HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO MY ASSISTANTS?!

SHIMEI ... SHIMEI WAS...!

WE SHOOK OFF SHIMEI WHO WAS PURSUING US, AND IN THE CHAOS, WE FLED BY GOING ON THE TRAIN HOME

SEN---

PLEASE TELL ME THE WAY TO END THIS CHAIN OF EVENTS

KOUDA... I HAVE A WISH

THIS IS A GROWN UP SUMIO ...!? AND KIRIO-KUN!

WHAT IS THAT...!? SOMEONE BRINGING THE SKULL TO THE GRAVE...!?

TH... THESE IMAGES ARE.....!?

AND LEAD US TO A FUTURE WHERE WE'LL BE RELEASED FROM THE SKULL... ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SHIMEI...!?

ONE OF THEM WILL BE THE NEXT ENIGMA...

EVEN SO, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY IT CAN BE ENDED

ONE OF THESE PEOPLE IS GOING TO BECOME ENIGMA!? THEY'RE STILL JUST KIDS, AREN'T THEY?!

AND YOU SAW US...!?

YOU SAW THE FUTURE ...!?

SO WE'LL CREATE THE FLOW TO REACH IT!

...!?

THIS IS THE ONLY FUTURE WE CAN GO TO...

FATHER ...!

..I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT REALIZE THAT SENSEI DIDN'T WANT TO GET YOU INVOLVED, SO HE PURPOSE-FULLY TRIED TO DISTANCE YOU

IS THAT WHY YOU DROVE OUT MOTHER AND I IN SUCH A HURRY!?

BUT WE ALL KNOW WHAT THE RESULT OF THAT WAS... YOU COULDN'T BECOME ENIGMA

F... FATHER, YOU SEARCHED FOR THE ENIGMA OF THE NEXT GENERA-TION...!?

YES... THAT'S WHY WE FIRST GAVE IT TO YOU, THE ELDEST ONE AMONG THE CANDIDATES

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SHIMEI IS TOO DAN-GER-OUS!

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SO FOR A FEW YEARS, WE ACTED TO DRAW SHIMEI'S ATTENTION

WE JUDGED THAT BEFORE THEY REACH THE AGES IN THE VIDEO, INHERITING THE SKULL WOULD BE DANGEROUS

YOU IDIOT... I WON'T ALLOW THAT!

PLEASE! FOR THE SAKE OF SHIMEI AND THE CHILDREN!

SENSEI, PLEASE SEND ME TO THE ISLAND! I'LL BE A HUMAN SACRIFICE IN SHIMEI'S PLACE!!

I REALLY THINK PUSHING THIS RESPONSIBILITY ONTO CHILDREN IS FAR TOO DANGEROUS AFTER ALL!

SO LIKE WE THOUGHT, WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THOSE KIDS!?

DAMMIT !!

WHY...? WHY WON'T ANYTHING HAPPEN!?

IS SOME-THING WRONG WITH ME!?

I FORCIBLY CONVINCED SENSEI TO CONSENT

AND I BECAME SENSEI'S THIRD WISH, BUT...

KIRI BECAME ENIGMA, BUT BECAUSE HE LOST HIS VOICE THAT DAY, HE COULDN'T HAVE WISHES GRANTED

FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND FOR HIS OWN SAFETY, WE TEMPORARILY MOVED FAR AWAY

SO IT COULD AT LEAST BE A RELATIVE, I HANDED KIRI THE SKULL

NOW ALONE, I DECIDED I WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WAIT FOR THIS FUTURE, LIKE I EXPECTED

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OLD MAN... IS THAT THE REASON YOU DISAPPEARED!?

YES...

INTERLOPERS ...

WILL BE SEALED ...!!

BUT, THEN, ONE DAY...!!

AND KOUDA'S GAINING OF OTHER TALENTS WOULD BE A GREAT OBSTACLE FOR THE FUTURE... SO OUT OF NECESSITY, I SEPARATED FROM KIRI AND INVESTIGATED HIS ACTIONS

USING AN ABILITY HE HAD TAKEN FROM SOMEONE, HE SEALED ME SO I COULD NOT FIGHT BACK AGAINST HIM

IT WAS AT THIS TIME WHEN I FIRST REALIZED THAT KOUDA RECEIVED A TALENT AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL AS WELL, THE ABILITY TO "EAT PEOPLE"...

WHAT IS THIS ...!?

SO HIS BODY AND HEART HAD FALLEN TO THE LEVEL OF A MONSTER?

KOUDA COULD EAT PEOPLE AND THEN BECOME THEM

IN ORDER TO STEAL THE SKULL, HE WAS WIPING OUT ANYONE WHO COULD POSE EVEN A SLIGHT THREAT TO THAT

THESE ALL ARE...

THE ONES WE SAW IN THE FUTURE...!?

WHEN KIRI WAS IN AN ISOLATED CELL AND THE E-TEST STARTED,

I WAS SURPRISED AT THE MEMBERS THE SKULL HAD GATHERED

TO GIVE HAIBA ANY ADVANTAGE I COULD, I SENT HIS MOTHER INSTRUC-TIONS

AH... SO THAT LETTER WAS YOU...!?

THAT WAS HIM... HAIBA'S SON

HE'S THE ONE I HAD THE MOST HOPES IN...!

IS IT EVALUAT-ING THEM... FOR BEING ITS NEXT MASTER!?

THERE IS A FUTURE BEYOND THE RESULTS OF THIS TEST!!

THE ENIGMA WE DESIRED...!

AS I THOUGHT, YOU WERE...

AFTER THE TEST ENDED, HAIBA BECAME ENIGMA

AND THEN YOU CAME HERE...!

YOU SAID SOMETHING LIKE "ENIGMA IS WONDER-FUL"... AND CALLED ME SOMEONE WHO WAS IN THE WAY, DIDN'T YOU!?

NO WAY... YOU'RE SAYING YOU WERE MY ALLY THIS WHOLE TIME!?

THEN I WANTED TO STOP IT, EVEN IF I HAD TO STEAL IT FROM HAIBA

BUT NOW, THIS SKULL IS KOUDA

...IT IS WONDER-FUL. IN TERMS OF FOLKLORE

IF THE PROBLEM HAD BEEN MINE AND MINE ALONE, I WOULD PROBABLY HAVE LIVED A LIFE WHERE I GAMBLED ON FACING IT

AND THOUGH MY DESIRE IS TO END IT, IF IT WOULD DESTROY KOUDA'S HEAD,

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ALWAYS —

OLD MAN, YOU'VE ...

OLD MAN...!

THIS IS ALL OUR RESPON-SIBILITY ...!

I'M SORRY, SUMIO... EVERY-ONE...!

I... I...!

HEY, WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THESE IDIOTS, YOU IN-COMPE-TENT?

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NO WAY... WE...

HEY, SUMIO —?

HMPH... PRISSY

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SO... I WON'T SAY ANY-THING...

AND FATHER... IN ALL OF THIS, ACTED ON HIS OWN IDEALS AND BELIEFS...

I UNDER-STAND THE PAIN AND REGRET OF BEING AT THE MERCY OF THE SKULL...

WAS JUST INSTINCT OF A LIVING CORPSE...

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...BUT THE TRUTH IS IN THE ACCIDENT YOU BLAMED ME FOR,

IT LOOKED DOWN ON ME WITH CLEARLY EVIL INTENT, AND WOULD MERCILESSLY KILL ANY HELPLESS PERSON...!

THAT MONSTER SHOWED CONTEMPT FOR MY DIGNITY

KIRI ...?

I JUST WANT ONE MORE WISH GRANTED BY THE SKULL

YOU'RE NOT EVEN WORTH GETTING ANGRY AT

FORGET YOU...

BUT THERE'S ONE THING I AM SURE OF...

...I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT I WANT TO DO MYSELF

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OH... ME ...!?

WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO, SUMI?

AND HAVE THE THREE OF US LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN!!

EVEN IF I HAVE TO BE DRAGGED, I WANT TO SEE MY OLD LADY AGAIN!

TH... THAT HURTS, SUMIO...

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SUMIO ...!

ARE YOU OKAY, SHIGERU?

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YOU'RE AWA...

KIRIO...!

SHIGERU!!

I... I WAS ALL ALONE ON AN ISLAND...

AND WAS DRAGGED INTO A DARK WELL... AND THEN...

AND ALL OF YOU, TOO ...!?

WH... WHY AM I HERE...!?

YES... YOU GUYS ALWAYS...

CHANGE THE FUTURES I SEE, DON'T YOU...!?

THAT FUTURE DIDN'T HAPPEN!

WE ALL STOPPED IT!

SUMIO...

KIRIO...!

THANKS FOR COMING TO GET ME...

EVERY-ONE...!

TO PUTTING AN END TO EVERYTHING!!

ARE YOU PREPARED TO END IT ALL?

...TO THE WELL?

COULD YOU GUIDE US THERE?

...OLD MAN

THIS IS THE END

LET'S GO!!